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1. ECOSOC SOCIAL COMITE APRIL 30 A.M. MEETING PROCEEDED IN RELATIVELY SWIFT MANNER TO ADOPT FOUR MORE DRAFT RESES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW).

2. RES VII, IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM OF CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO PROMOTE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND THEIR INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT, WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS. BOTH THE US AND USSR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OP PARA 2 WITH THE SOVIETS WITHDRAWING THEIR PROPOSAL IN FAVOR OF US DRAFT. OP PARA 2 AS ADOPTED READS: "2. REQUESTS THE COMITE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND THE COMITE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, WHEN PREPARING COMMENTS ON THE ENTIRE REVIEW PROCESS, TO UTILIZE THE EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN THE SECT IN THE FIELD OF WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT AND TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE SEMINARS ORGANIZED UNDER UN AUSPICES IN THE FIELD, INCLUDING THE INTERREGIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS OF JUNE 1972." AT SUGGESTION OF USSR, OP PARA 6 WAS AMENDED TO ADD WORD "COMPETENT" BEFORE "NON-GOVERNMEN-TAL ORGANIZATIONS" AND WORDS "IN CONCULTATIVE STATUS" FOLLOWING "NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS." ALSO FINAL CLAUSE,
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"AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE COMMISSION AT ITS 26TH SESSION

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AND TO THE COMITE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL IN TIME FOR THE MID-TERM REVIEW IN 1975" WAS DELETED. OP PARA 7 CONTAINED DRAFTING ERROR WHICH NECESSITATED CHANGE FROM "29TH" TO "30TH" SESSION. AMENDMENTS WERE SUBMITTED BY US AND POLAND TO OP PARA 8. US REP (HUTAR) NOTED WE SATISFIED THAT POLISH TEXT MEETS OUR OBJECTIVES AND THE POLISH TEXT WAS THUS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BY THE COMITE. OP PARA 8 NOW READS: "REQUESTS THE SYG TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AT ITS 26TH SESSION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE UN DDII AND GA RES 2716 (XXV)." THE COMITE ALSO ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE THE POLISH PROPOSAL TO DELETE OP PARA 10 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

3. RES VIII, STATUS OF RURAL WOMEN, ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, ADOPTED BY COMITE WITHOUT OBJECTION WITH ONLY ONE AMDNEMENT. BRAZIL PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED, REPLACES WORDS, "FAMILY PLANNING AND CITIZENSHIP" BY WORDS "INCLUDING CITIZENSHIP AND, AS APPROPRIATE, FAMILY PLANNING." UK REP PREVAILED ON BRAZILIAN DEL TO CHANGE HIS ORIGINAL FORMULATION "WHEN APPROPRIATE" TO "AS APPROPRIATE."

4. RES X, TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BY DELS OF KENYA AND JAMAICA. NEW OP PARA 1 READS, "URGES GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES TO SEEK NEW WAYS AND MEANS OF DEVELOPING ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS AMONG WOMEN, OF ESTABLISHING PROFIT-SEEKING AS WELL AS NON-PROFIT SEEKING, BUT VIABLE DECENTRALIZED INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING MANUFACTURING, AGRO-INDUSTRIAL, COTTAGE AND HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES WHICH WOULD PROVIDE PART OF FULL-TIME WORK FOR WOMEN AS WELL AS MEN, AND OF ENSURING THE ACCESS OF WOMEN EQUALLY WITH MEN TO THE NECESSARY CREDIT FACILITIES." OP PARA 2 WAS AMENDED BY SAME TWO COUNTRIES BY REPLACING PHRASE "IN SETTING UP COTTAGE AND HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES" BY "IN PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN EQUALLY WITH MEN ALONG THE LINES INDICATED IN OP PARA 1 ABOVE." FINAL TWO WORDS "THIS WORK" REPLACED BY "SUCH ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES."

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5. RES XI, ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND THEIR INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION BUT WITH AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY FINLAND, AS FOLLOWS. OP PARA 1, REPLACE WORDS "IN FIELDS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN" BY WORDS "REGARDING EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND TREATMENT FOR WOMEN WORKERS." OP PARA 3 INSERT WORDS "THE CONVENTION CONCERNING NIGHT WORK PERFORMED BY WOMEN AND THE CONVENTION ON EQUAL

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RENUMERATION" AFTER WORDS "MATERNITY PROTECTION." OP PARA 4, DELETE WORDS "AND PROBLEMS RELATING TO PART-TIME WORK."

6. UPON ADOPTION OF ABOVE FOUR RESES, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT SOCIAL COMITE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (IWY) AND IWY CONFERENCE, WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL SOMEWHAT LATER IN WEEK. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REP JEAN GEORGE FLOATING DRAFT RES RE IWY ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY TO DEPT FOR GUIDANCE. FYI: A NUMBER OF DELS HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SYG NOTE ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATION OF 1975 IWY CONFERENCE AS OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT E/5487 DISTRIBUTED TODAY.
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